

Claims

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- 5 1. An apparatus for the storage of disk-shaped data storage media (12), in particular of the CD or DVD type, having a flat housing (10) that has a slot opening (16) via which a reception space for the data storage medium (12) is accessible, and a coupling member (14) that can be inserted into the flat housing (10) via the slot opening (16) to hold the data storage medium (12) and that is releasably connected, in particular latched, to the flat housing (10) in the inserted state, with an outer portion (24) of the coupling member (14) which is arranged outside the flat housing (10) when the coupling member (14) is inserted being formed for the connection to a carrier (42).
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- 15 2. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the coupling member (14) can be releasably connected to the carrier (42).
- 20 3. An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that the coupling member (14) comprises an insertable portion (22) provided with an approximately part circular-like cut-out (26) which, in the inserted state, fills up the space between the slot opening (16) and the circular reception space for the data storage medium (12) in the flat housing (10) at least in part, preferably substantially in full.
- 25 4. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that at least one of the narrow sides (28) of the flat housing (10) adjacent to the slot opening (16) is provided

with projection-like latching means (36) for the coupling member (14).

5. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that at least one connecting element which connects two halves of the flat housing (10) to one another is formed as latching means (36).

6. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that at least one latching means of the coupling member (14) comprises at least one material web (32) which is elastically deformable, in particular by latching means (36) of the flat housing (10) and which bounds at least one cut-out (33) which is in particular in the shape of an elongate slot.

7. An apparatus in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that the material web (32) comprises at least one engaging section (34) which, in the inserted state, latchingly engages behind latching means (36) formed at a narrow side (23) of the flat housing (10).

8. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the slot opening (16) of the flat housing (10) is at least substantially completely closed when the coupling member (14) is inserted.

9. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the coupling member (14) has at least one abutment edge which can be brought into abutment with at

least one edge region bounding the slot opening (16) or with at least one abutment region formed in the flat housing (10) on insertion into the flat housing (10).

- 5 10. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the outer portion (24) of the coupling member (14) has at least one coupling element (30) via which the coupling member (14) can be connected, in particular releasably connected, to carriers (42), in particular in the form of flip covers, 10 outer packagings, rod arrangements, hanging registers, storage racks, display units, storage containers, rail systems and/or plug systems.
- 15 11. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the coupling member (14), in particular a coupling element (30) of the coupling member (14), is formed for the releasable connection to storage apparatuses for data storage media of the DVD type, in particular with fixing elements (50) arranged at narrow sides (44) of DVD boxes (42).
- 20 12. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the outer portion of the coupling member (14) is connected in one piece to a carrier (42).
- 25 13. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the coupling member (14) is a component of a folding packaging, in particular one consisting of cardboard or card.

14. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the coupling member (14) – in the state connected to a carrier (42) – is pivotable with respect to the carrier (42) and is in particular biased relative to the carrier (42) in to an inserting and removing position which allows a simple coupling to the flat housing (10).

15. An apparatus in accordance with at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the coupling member (14) consists of a reusable material, in particular of plastic, preferably polypropylene, or of cardboard or card.

16. A coupling member (14) for holding disk-shaped data storage media (12), in particular of the CD or DVD type for which a reception space is provided in a flat housing (10), which reception space is accessible via a slot opening (16) of the flat housing (10), with the coupling member (14) being insertable into the flat housing (10) via the slot opening (16) and being releasably connected, in particular latched, to the flat housing (10) in the inserted state, and with an outer portion (24) of the coupling member (14) arranged outside the flat housing (10) when the coupling member (14) is inserted being formed for connection to a carrier (42).

17. A coupling member in accordance with claim 16, characterized by the features relating to a coupling member of at least one of the claims 2 to 15.